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1. On 4 June 1951, the AT artillery unit in the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne, Rehagen (N 53/Z 81), was still there. It was engaged in intensive drill and in training in firing. A new subcaliber range for AT guns was observed near the rifle range. Numerous new bedsteads were unloaded at the installation on the day of observation.
2. On 3 and 5 June, the barracks installation on Schumke Lake northwest of Sperenberg (N 53/Z 80) seemed to be deserted. No training activity or vehicular traffic was observed. \*
3. Motor vehicles observed at the barracks installation on the Kummersdorf artillery range included: truck 25X1 parked in the Panzer Kaserne and driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; 25X1 which entered the Artillery Kaserne. The gate of the Artillerie Kaserne is also used as an entrance to : the ordnance installation; the officers' mess; and the installation further to the north. The whole area is surrounded by a fence. \*\*
4. On 29 May, the Panzer Kaserne at the Kummersdorf artillery range quartered 150 to 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Gate guards belonged to the same branch of service. From 25 to 30 tanks, included some T-34s and JS-3s, and SP guns, were seen in the southern section of the billeting area. One T-34 tank and 2 heavy SP guns with JS chassis were loaded on flatcars which were coupled to a freight train bound for Zossen on the same day. 25X1 that the Panzer Kaserne housed a tank unit, and a tank repair shop which employed numerous German workers. 25X1 that the repair shop received and dispatched many armored vehicles by rail. 25X1 driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, and 25X1 were identified at the installation. \*\*\*
5. The troop quarters west of the railroad line to Jueterbog was occupied by an artillery unit of about 200 men, most of whom wore artillery insignia and some motor transport insignia. The troops were either recruits or drill instructors. The bulk of the unit, i. e. about 600 men, have been at the Baltic Sea for record firing since February 1951. This barracks installation quartered troops who practiced with AT guns, apparently of 76.2-mm, and some heavier guns. Three German barracks employees stated that the artillery range was not used for firing practice by artillery or tank troops. 25X1 25X1

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[redacted] The trucks were driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, with the drivers of the trucks with the prefix letter E wearing motor transport insignia in addition. \*\*

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\* [redacted] Comment. The report indicates no change over previous information. See

\*\* [redacted] Comment. Rough sketches [redacted] show that the Artillerie Kaserne (installation No 4), the officers mess, (installation No 5), the range headquarters (installation No 6), the quarters for air force personnel (installation No 7), and the storehouses for vehicle tires (installation No 8) constitute one military area. This area is west of the Jueterbog-Zossen railroad line, between the athletic field northwest of the Kummersdorf-Schiessplatz railroad station and the railroad crossing west of the Panzer Kaserne (installation No 3). The numbered installations are entered on an overlay attached to [redacted]. The troop quarters mentioned in paragraph 5 of the present report is probably installation No 5 which apparently quarters a training component of Unit Sebastianov of the unidentified AAA Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The unit itself may be at Wustrow. [redacted]. The Artillerie Kaserne (installation No 4) still quarters a training component of Arty Zilenko which probably belongs to the 199th Light Arty Brig of the Third Gds Mecz Army. Since installations Nos 4 through 8 are close together, it is plausible that vehicles [redacted] of the Third Gds Mecz Army were observed simultaneously in this area. [redacted] mentioned in the present report belong to the Third Gds Mecz Army's AAA division.

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\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. The present report indicates that the tank repair shop in the Panzer Kaserne at the Kummersdorf artillery range may be an installation of the Third Gds Mecz Army [redacted]

[redacted] Also the information that armored vehicles needing repairs were shipped in and out by rail indicates that the repair shop performs major repair work which cannot be handled by the divisions themselves.

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